

DEMOCRATS OF NYE COUNTY HONOR BIRTH OF JEFFERSON

Many Notables Gather Last Evening at Banquet, Which is Replete With Speeches.

"It is my contention that any justice of the supreme court is perfectly justified in mixing up in politics, whenever it can be shown that his labors are for the uplifting of the party he represents," was the startling statement as made by Judge James F. Sweeney, of the supreme court at the Jeffersonian banquet last evening. The affair, as advertised, was held under the auspices of the democrats of Nye county and one hundred and twenty-five of the faithful gathered at the festive board. The seats were dished out at \$2.50 per, and those who came late paid the entire amount, although all that they received in the way of exchange was the privilege of listening to the speeches and demolishing of a plate of plum pudding saturated with brandy sauce. That is the pudding contained the brandy, not speeches, for the only beverage served was a large quantity of California wine that had a beautiful kick in each glass. This was ably demonstrated toward the midnight hour.

Judge Sweeney was scheduled to respond to the toast: "The Coming State Campaign, from a Democratic Standpoint." He did not touch the subject until near the conclusion of his discourse, taking up the major portion of the time in throwing huge bouquets at his own accomplishments and defending his actions in taking an active part in politics.

"As long as I live and as long as I remain on the bench of the supreme court," he continued, "I will take an active part in politics which will not deter me from performing my duty impartially." Then he went down to the subject and predicted a great defeat for the republicans as well as to every senator who voted for the tariff bill.

"Every man," he said, "on the democratic ticket should be elected at the coming election, providing that all differences are fought out and settled at the conventions or primaries, as the case may be. It behooves the faithful to then get into the harness and work for the successful candidate." And then came the cheers from the followers of the "banner of the mule" who had the office bee buzzing in their bonnets.

As an omen to the success predicted, he gave as an illustration, the many democratic candidates already springing up in Nye county. He delved into ancient history and related how the republican wave had swept this state some years ago, carrying into office a great many republicans. A bitter tirade of resentment was hurled at the democrats who had voted for Roosevelt and they were warned not to repeat the act on the peril of bringing a great disaster to the party supposed to have been fathered by Jefferson.

In conclusion he urged to make a fight at the coming election, just for the sake of appearances, no matter how hopeless the situation might appear.

Ex-Senator Thomas J. Bell, who responded to the subject of "State of Nevada," delivered what might be construed as a republican talk. He had been assigned to the topic on which, Governor D. S. Dickerson was to respond, and consequently occupied the seat intended for Dickerson, and also partook of the viands—i. e., soup, salad and pudding—that had been prepared for the state's chief executive. The speaker stated that he was qualified to look after the governor's interest, as at one time the gubernatorial bee had buzzed in his bonnet. In acknowledging that the state had gone republican occasionally, he brought to light the time honored subject, the demonization of silver, having resurrected the same from the grave where it had reposed the last dozen years, with the brief exception of the last campaign when the democrats also delved into the subject.

He spoke of the time when Francis G. Newlands wanted the nomination of senator from this state. "He practically had the nomination from the republican party in his pocket, but on hearing that the silver party were in need of a man, deserted his own convention hall and visited three of us who had charge of things. He wanted the nomination

would have accepted a platform if written on a porcupine skin. He denounced the republican party, swallowed our platform, promises and all, and was elected."

C. H. McIntosh, who officiated as master of ceremonies, read letters of regret from Newlands, Bartlett Dickerson and E. A. P. Johnson of Tuscorara. Walter D. Cole, chairman of the democratic county central committee, sent the following dispatch, which was cheered to the echo by the gathering: "Forget factions and fight. My best wishes to Nevada Democracy." John L. Considine was willing to make any sacrifice for the sake of the party, according to his dispatch of regrets.

The oration of the evening was made by the Hon. Key Pittman, of this city, who responded to the toast of "Thomas Jefferson." A fitting tribute was paid the honored statesman, who is accredited with being the founder of the democratic party, and who worked untiringly for the success and advancement of the principles he believed to be right. Mr. Pittman was continually applauded throughout his speech and especially when he stated his views on the conservation of the natural resources, when applied to the timber lands of Nevada. This, he declared, worked not only a hardship, but at times a loss of life upon the miners and prospectors of this state.

"Nevada is perfectly able to adopt laws that will prove beneficial to this commonwealth," he said, "and I heartily disapprove of a government that bears a strong resemblance to foreign rule. We know what we need and legislation that is proper, should be left to our discretion. The timber lands of this state are protected by the conservation laws and the prospector and miner, in many cases are forced to labor with many difficulties."

"Organize the democrats into an army, train them with proper principles and at the coming election, the republicans will flee before them as did the British before Jackson at New Orleans."

Senator Clay Tallman, "the tall sycamore of the Amargosa," followed and talked on Nye county democracy. He expressed his thanks to the gathering for their support at the last election which resulted in a victory for himself and also dwelt at length along other lines.

Toastmaster C. H. McIntosh thereupon made another speech, following which he called upon Senator George S. Pyne of Goldfield to deliver a few remarks on Esmeralda democracy.

Tex Watson, of Golden Arrow, who was called upon for a talk when he entered the hall, stated that when he first came in he couldn't say a word, because he had been seated among the 18-karat element, but after he moved back among the rock-ribbed class, he was right at home.

McIntosh overlooked the opportunity to make another speech and called upon the following who responded: Frank Mannix, Judge Peter J. Somers, Judge Theron

Stevens, Charles A. Sprague, who talked on the political powers of the press, and General J. A. Donovan.

The banquet adjourned about 1 o'clock.

MRS. HARMA. PASSES AWAY AT LOS ANGELES

SUCCUMBS YESTERDAY AFTER
SUFFERING PARALYTIC
STROKE.

Mrs. Frank Myers yesterday received a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. E. Harma, who passed away at 10 o'clock in the morning in a Los Angeles hospital, where she had been confined for a week, suffering from a complete stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Harma, it will be remembered, was stricken while nursing her husband, who was removed to southern California, so that he could secure the services of specialists in skin grafting, having been severely burned by an oil explosion.

The physician who attended the unfortunate woman announced that the stroke was due to the relaxation of nerves, having been constant in looking after the comfort of her husband for several months. She remained in a state of coma from the day she suffered the attack, and was unable to speak a word. Last Thursday her daughter, Bannie, left for her bedside and at that time her condition was not thought to be critical. The best of medical treatment was afforded for her relief but to no avail.

The deceased is survived by her husband, a daughter and a son. The son is at present in this city. The remains, it is believed, will be brought back to Tonopah for interment.

Mrs. Harma had many friends in this city and had resided here for a number of years. She is a member of the Fraternal Brotherhood and it is possible that the funeral will be held under the auspices of this order.

ATTENTION U. R. K. P.
All members of Tonopah company No. 4, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, are requested to meet this evening at 8 o'clock at Pythian Castle, for the purpose of drilling. But a short time remains until the competitive drill at Goldfield and full attendance is requested.
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INJURED MASTER MECHANIC OF
EXTENSION IS IN CRITICAL
CONDITION.

The condition of Arthur Pearson, master mechanic at Tonopah Extension, who was painfully burned by a gasoline explosion at the mill several nights ago, is regarded as very serious, and it is doubtful if the injured man will survive the day. At midnight it was reported at the hospital that he was rapidly losing strength, although he retained consciousness and was able to recognize all callers. A dispatch was sent yesterday, when it became apparent that he was steadily growing worse, to his wife at Oakland, where she is staying with their five young children. Mrs. Pearson immediately answered that she would arrive today.

It is believed that should Pearson fail to recover a post mortem examination will reveal that his demise was caused by inhaling a quantity of flames, which in the majority of cases always prove fatal.

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